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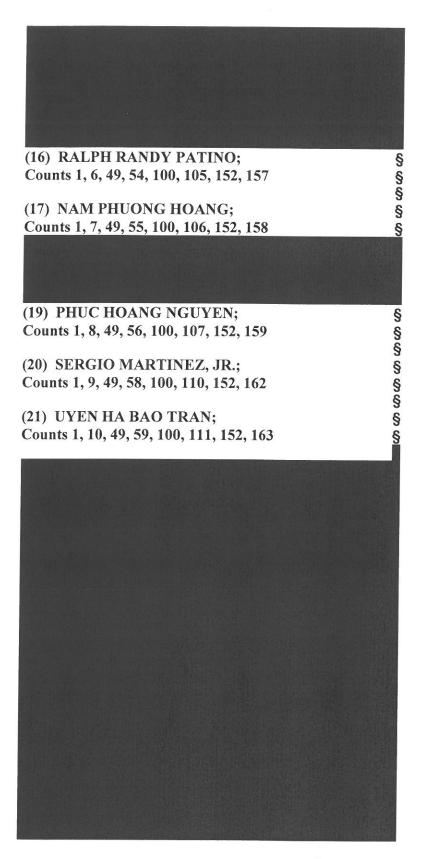
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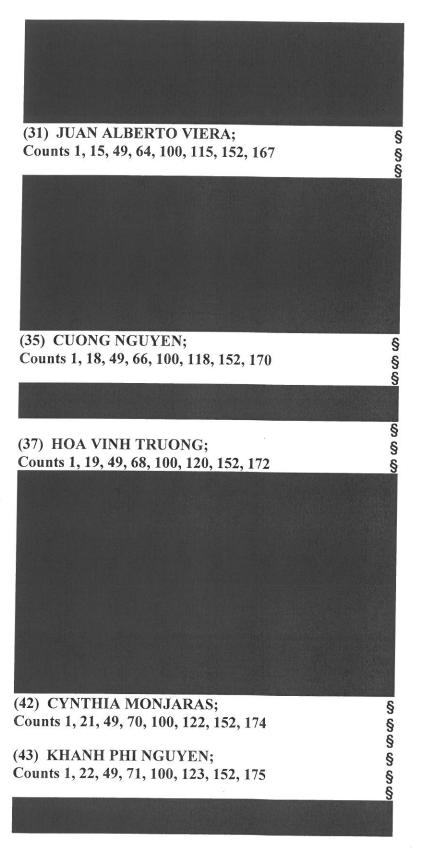
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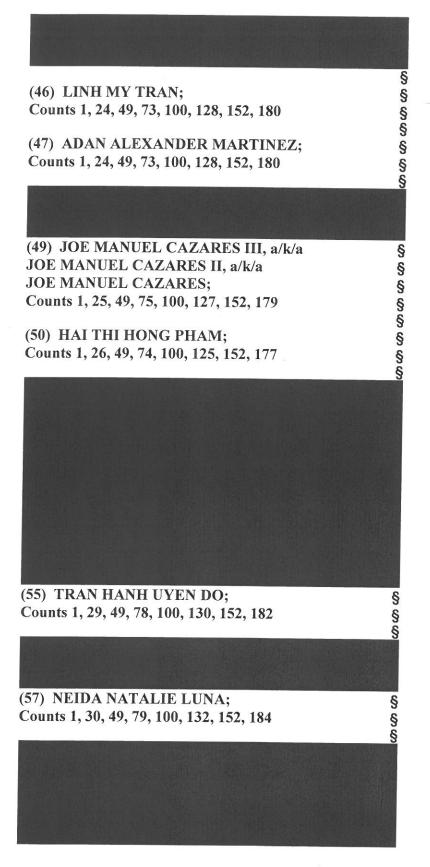
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- (3) TUYEN THAI HUYNH; Counts 1, 49, 100, 152
- (4) HUNG PHUOC NGUYEN; Counts 1, 49, 100, 152
- (6) LAN MINH NGUYEN; Counts 1, 47, 49, 98, 100, 150, 152, 202
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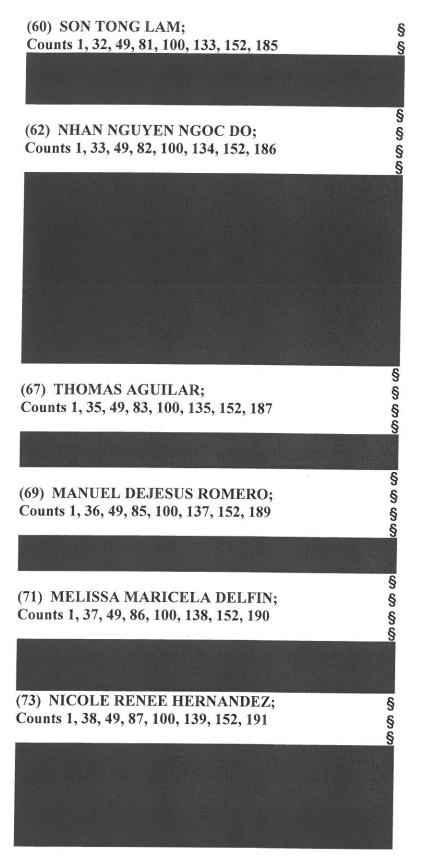
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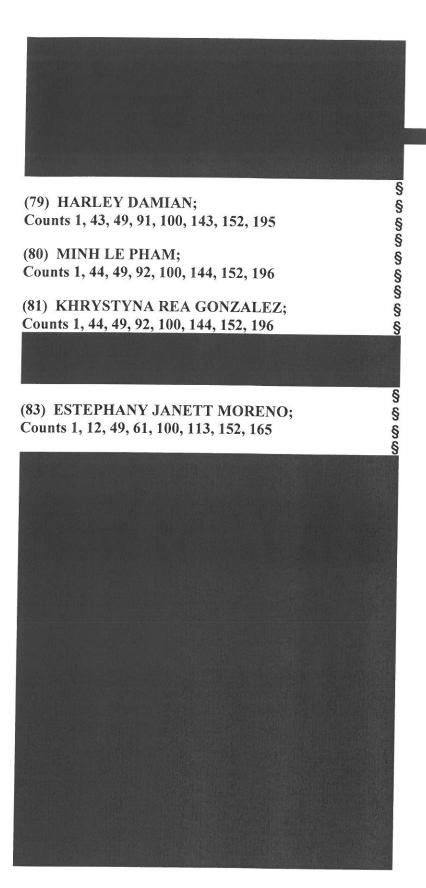
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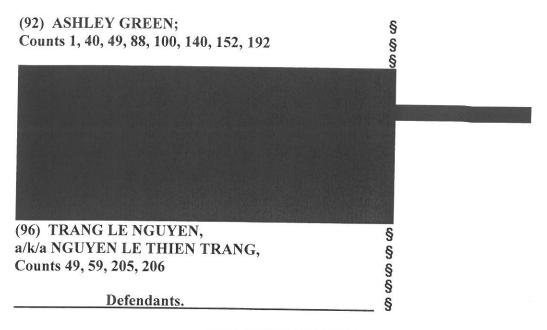












SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

INTRODUCTION

At all times material to this indictment:

- 1. (1) ASHLEY YEN NGUYEN, a/k/a DUYEN (hereinafter "DUYEN") is the leader of a criminal organization based in Southwest Houston, Texas. In addition to having members in Southwest Houston, this criminal organization has associates operating throughout Texas and Vietnam who act in furtherance of its criminal scheme.
- 2. This criminal organization is operating a large-scale marriage fraud scheme, in which it creates sham marriages in order to illegally obtain admission and immigrant status for aliens in the United States. A "sham" marriage is a marriage that is entered into for the primary purpose of circumventing the immigration laws.
- 3. DUYEN and her co-conspirators are engaged in a variety of criminal conduct, including, but not limited to, marriage fraud, mail fraud and immigration fraud.

- 4. Other leaders, organizers, and facilitators of this criminal organization include
 Defendants (2) KHANH PHUONG NGUYEN, (3) TUYEN THAI HUYNH, (4) HUNG PHUOC
 NGUYEN,

 (6) LAN MINH NGUYEN, (7) BINH THANH
 NGUYEN,

 (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN, (11) JANIE GONZALEZ, and others
 known and unknown to the grand jury. (2) KHAN PHUONG NGUYEN is DUYEN's daughter.
- 5. This criminal organization is using at least 5 residences in Houston, Texas in furtherance of its criminal activities. These include:
 - a. 11531 High Star Drive, Houston, Texas 77072;
 - b. 4230 Alief Village Drive, Houston, Texas 77072;
 - c. 10911 Hazen Street, Houston, Texas 77072;
 - d. 11571 Willwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77072;
 - e. 11403 Carvel Lane, Houston, Texas 77072; and
 - f. 4414 Tufa Court, Houston, Texas 77072.

This criminal organization is also using other locations of operations in Vietnam.

IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES

- 6. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") is a government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States and provides the procedures for United States citizens and permanent residents to acquire permanent resident status for their immigration spouses living in the United States and abroad.
- 7. To perform this function, USCIS requires persons to submit various immigration forms. These forms include:
 - a. Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative ("I-130");

- b. Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status ("I-485");
 - c. Form I-751, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence ("I-751");
- d. Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213 A of the INA ("I-864"); and
 - e. Form I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e).
- 8. A non-citizen may seek to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the United States based upon his/her valid marriage to a United States citizen.
- 9. The United States citizen in such a marriage who applies for such an immigration benefit is hereinafter referred to as a "petitioner." The non-citizen in such a marriage who potentially would receive the immigration benefit as a result of that marriage is referred to as the "beneficiary spouse."
- 10. Form I-130. To accord the beneficiary spouse "immediate relative" status, a petitioner must file an I-130 with USCIS. In support of the I-130, among other requirements, a petitioner must submit the marriage certificate and indicate where both the petitioner and beneficiary spouse reside and intend to reside.
- 11. Form I-485. Additionally, to adjust the beneficiary spouse's immigration status to that of a lawful permanent resident, the beneficiary spouse must file an I-485 with USCIS. In an I-485, the beneficiary spouse must provide his/her complete marital history and residential history for the past five years. The beneficiary spouse must also indicate in the I-485 if he/she has:
- a. "ever submitted fraudulent or counterfeit documentation to any U.S. Government official to obtain or attempt to obtain any immigration benefit, including a visa or entry into the United States;"

- b. "ever lied about, concealed, or misrepresented any information on an application or petition to obtain a visa, other documentation required for entry into the United States, admission to the United States, or any other kind of immigration benefit;" and
- c. "ever committed a crime of any kind (even if you were not arrested, cited, charged with, or tried for that crime)."
- 12. There is no waiting period (other than processing) for the beneficiary spouse to adjust his/her status to that of a lawful permanent resident. If the I-130 and I-485 are approved, the beneficiary spouse is accorded conditional permanent resident status. The conditional permanent resident status expires after two years.
- 13. Form I-864. In addition, the beneficiary spouse must also file a Form I-864 which must be signed under penalty of perjury by the petitioner (i.e., his/her United States citizen spouse), in order to establish the beneficiary spouse has adequate means of financial support and is not likely to rely on the United States government for financial support. In support of an I-864, the beneficiary spouse must submit employment records, asset records, and tax returns of himself/herself, his/her spouse, his/her household members, and/or his/her sponsor in order to establish that their collective income is at least 125 percent of the current Federal poverty line.
- 14. Form I-751. Within ninety days of the conditional permanent resident status expiration, and in order to have the conditions on the beneficiary spouse's permanent resident status removed, the petitioner and the beneficiary spouse must file an I-751 with USCIS. Absent certification that the United States citizen spouse is deceased, the marriage ended in divorce, the alien spouse suffered domestic violence from the United States citizen spouse, or the alien spouse would suffer an extreme hardship if deported, the petitioner and beneficiary spouse submitting the

I-751 must certify that the marriage was entered in accordance with the laws of the place where the marriage took place and was not for the purpose of procuring an immigration benefit.

- 15. Form I-129F. Furthermore, an I-129F is required if a United States citizen is seeking to have a non-citizen fiancé admitted that that they may get married in the United States. An I-129F is submitted by the United States citizen spouse and allows his/her alien fiancé to enter the United States as a nonimmigrant for the purpose of getting married within ninety days of the alien fiancé's arrival. Along with the I-129F, the United States citizen petitioner must also submit evidence that he/she actually met the alien fiancé in person within the prior two years, or that there were extreme hardships or strict and long-established customs of the alien fiancé's culture or social practice prohibiting such an in-person meeting.
- 16. Persons submitting Forms I-130, I-485, I-864, I-751, and I-129F sign these forms under penalty of perjury and certify all of the information provided is complete, true, and correct.

CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY

- 17. This criminal organization is operating a large-scale marriage fraud scheme in which it creates sham marriages in order to illegally obtain admission and immigrant status for aliens in the United States. The conspirators will pair aliens seeking these immigration benefits with United States citizens, create sham marriages between them, and then file false forms with USCIS in order to obtain these immigration benefits for the alien. The conspirators receive monetary payments from these aliens and pay the United States citizens a fee for their role in this conspiracy.
- 18. The marriages entered into through this criminal conspiracy are sham marriages in that, among other things:

- a. the spouses do not live together and do not intend to live together, contrary to documents and statements submitted to USCIS;
- b. the spouses only meet briefly, immediately before they obtain their marriage license, or not at all;
- c. the spouses entered into the marriage pursuant to the financial arrangement described in the following paragraphs; and
- d. the spouses enter into the marriage for the primary purpose of circumventing the immigration laws of the United States.
- 19. Aliens who seek to obtain admission and immigrant status through a sham marriage arranged by this criminal conspiracy are described below as "beneficiary spouses." In this criminal conspiracy, the beneficiary spouses are non-citizens either living in another country and are seeking admission to the United States, or are in the United States under some temporary non-immigrant status.
- 20. The United States citizens who enter into sham marriages with these beneficiary spouses are described below as "petitioners."
- 21. Each beneficiary spouse entered in an agreement, which is sometimes written, with DUYEN (1) and a company she does business as, in which the beneficiary spouse agrees to pay the criminal organization a total of up to between approximately \$50,000 and \$70,000 to obtain full lawful permanent resident status. These agreements are prorated such that the beneficiary spouse agrees to pay an additional amount for each immigration benefit they receive, including, but not limited to:
 - a. admission into the United States;
 - b. conditional permanent resident status, and

- c. full lawful permanent resident status.
- 22. (1) DUYEN and (2) KHANH PHUONG NGUYEN have entered into sham marriages themselves as petitioners for beneficiary spouses.
- 23. (1) DUYEN, (2) KHANH PHUONG NGUYEN, and others also recruit other United States citizens to act as petitioners in sham marriages. These petitioners receive a portion of the proceeds this criminal organization receives from the beneficiary spouses.
- 24. Furthermore, several individuals that were recruited as petitioners soon after became recruiters themselves. Such individuals include, but are not limited to (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN, and (11) JANIE GONZALEZ.
- 25. This criminal organization also employs individuals to be in charge of receiving the proceeds from the beneficiary spouses and disbursing the payments to the petitioners. Two such employed individuals are (3) TUYEN THAI HUYNH and (7) BINH THANH NGUYEN.
- 26. This criminal organization also employs individuals to act as guides for the United States citizen petitioners when they had to travel to Vietnam under the guise that the United States citizen would going to meet his/her fiancé, who, in truth, was a beneficiary spouse paying this criminal organization in order to circumvent United States law. Such individuals include

(10) KRISTINE GUZMAN.

- 27. The criminal organization also prepares, and provides to the petitioner and beneficiary spouse, fake wedding albums containing photographs to make it appear as if they had a wedding ceremony above and beyond a marriage at a courthouse.
- 28. This criminal organization also employs individuals to act as drivers to take petitioners and beneficiary spouses to their sham marriage ceremonies, appointments with

immigration officials at USCIS, and meetings with immigration document preparers. One such employed individual is

- 29. For the sham marriages involving non-citizens already in the United States, this criminal organization arranges the filing with USCIS of false Forms I-130, I-485, and I-751.
- 30. For the sham marriages and potential sham marriages involving non-citizens abroad, this criminal organization arranges the filing of these false forms, as well as false Forms I-129F with USCIS, as well as false applications for non-immigrant B1/B2 tourist visas in which the beneficiary spouse would claim that he/she is seeking to come to the United States for a temporary period as a tourist, but, in truth, was seeking to come to engage in an aforementioned sham marriage.
- 31. The criminal organization also provides false tax, utility, and employment information, and false documentation in support thereof, in order for USCIS to approve the false immigration forms.

COUNT ONE

(Conspiracy to Engage in Marriage Fraud)

Paragraphs 1-31 of the Introduction, and Counts 2-48 of this Indictment, are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

From on or about August 9, 2013, and continuing until on or about April 30, 2019, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the Court,

- (1) ASHLEY YEN NGUYEN, a/k/a DUYEN,
 - (2) KHANH PHUONG NGUYEN,
 - (3) TUYEN THAI HUYNH,
 - (4) HUNG PHUOC NGUYEN,
 - (6) LAN MINH NGUYEN,
 - (7) BINH THANH NGUYEN,



- (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN,
- (11) JANIE GONZALEZ,

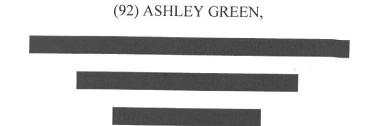


(16) RALPH RANDY PATINO,

(17) NAM PHUONG HOANG,	
(19) PHUC HOANG NGUYEN,	
(20) SERGIO MARTINEZ, JR.,	
(21) UYEN HA BAO TRAN,	
(31) JUAN ALBERTO VIERA,	
(35) CUONG NGUYEN,	
(37) HOA VINH TRUONG,	

(42) CYNTHIA MONJARAS,
(43) KHANH PHI NGUYEN,
(46) LINH MY TRAN,
(47) ADAN ALEXANDER MARTINEZ,
(49) JOE MANUEL CAZARES III, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES II, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES,
(50) HAI THI HONG PHAM,
(55) TRAN HANH UYEN DO,
(57) NEIDA NATALIE LUNA,
(60) SON TONG LAM,

(62) NHAN NGUYEN NGOC DO,
(67) THOMAS AGUILAR,
(69) MANUEL DEJESUS ROMERO,
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(71) MELISSA MARICELA DELFIN,
(73) NICOLE RENEE HERNANDEZ,
(79) HARLEY DAMIAN,
(80) MINH LE PHAM,
(81) KHRYSTYNA REA GONZALEZ,
(83) ESTEPHANY JANETT MORENO,



defendants herein, did knowingly and willfully conspire, confederate, and agree with one another and with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to commit and attempt to commit the following offenses against the United States contained in Counts 2-48, that is the defendants knowingly conspired to enter into marriages for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws of the United States.

3. In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to achieve its objects, the defendants committed the overt acts alleged in Paragraphs 1-31 of the Introduction and Counts 2-48 of this Indictment.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNTS TWO THROUGH FORTY-EIGHT

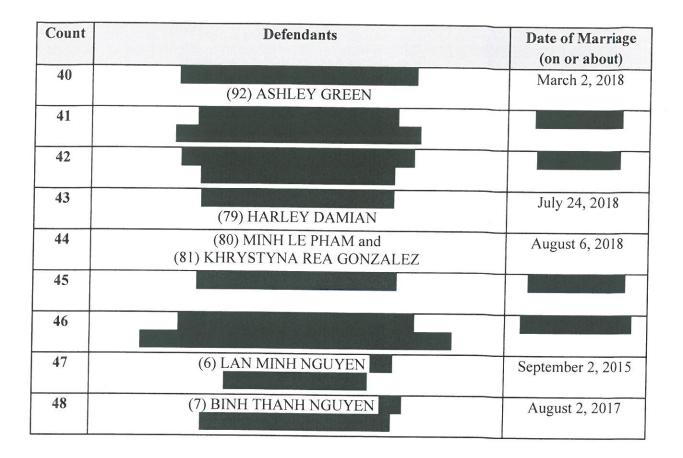
(Marriage Fraud)

On or about the dates set forth below, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the Court, the defendants set forth below did knowingly and unlawfully enter into marriage for the purpose of evading a provision of the immigration laws of the United States.

Count	Defendants	Date of Marriage (on or about)
2	(2) KHANH PHUONG NGUYEN	August 9, 2013
3	(11) JANIE GONZALEZ	June 11, 2014

Count	Defendants	Date of Marriage (on or about)
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5	(1) ASHLEY YEN NGUYEN, a/k/a DUYEN	September 27, 2016
6	(16) RALPH RANDY PATINO	January 25, 2017
7	(17) NAM PHUONG HOANG	July 21, 2017
8	(19) PHUC HOANG NGUYEN and (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN	November 9, 2017
9	(20) SERGIO MARTINEZ, JR.	April 26, 2016
10	(21) UYEN HA BAO TRAN	November 29, 2017
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12	(83) ESTEPHANY JANETT MORENO	November 2, 2015
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15	(31) JUAN ALBERTO VIERA	November 24, 2015
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18	(35) CUONG NGUYEN	April 19, 2016
19	(37) HOA VINH TRUONG	June 1, 2016
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21	(42) CYNTHIA MONJARAS	August 11, 2016

Count	Defendants	Date of Marriage (on or about)
22	(43) KHANH PHI NGUYEN	September 30, 2016
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24	(46) LINH MY TRAN and (47) ADAN ALEXANDER MARTINEZ	November 4, 2016
25	(49) JOE MANUEL CAZARES III, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES II, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES	November 4, 2016
26	(50) HAI THI HONG PHAM	November 29, 2016
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29	(55) TRAN HANH UYEN DO	January 25, 2017
30	(57) NEIDA NATALIE LUNA	February 10, 2017
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32	(60) SON TONG LAM	February 24, 2017
33	(62) NHAN NGUYEN NGOC DO	February 28, 2017
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35	(67) THOMAS AGUILAR	May 9, 2017
36	(69) MANUEL DEJESUS ROMERO	July 3, 2017
37	(71) MELISSA MARICELA DELFIN	July 25, 2017
38	(73) NICOLE RENEE HERNANDEZ	January 8, 2018
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All in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325(c) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FORTY-NINE

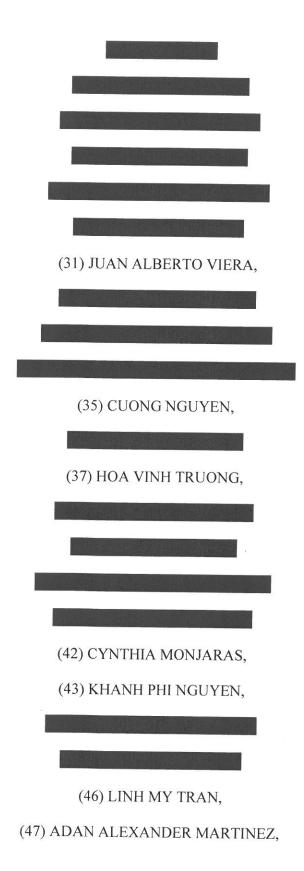
(Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud)

- 1. Paragraphs 1-31 of the Introduction and Counts 1-48 and 50-203 of this Indictment, are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. From on or about November 13, 2013, and continuing until on or about April 30, 2019, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the Court,
 - (1) ASHLEY YEN NGUYEN, a/k/a DUYEN,
 - (2) KHANH PHUONG NGUYEN,

- (3) TUYEN THAI HUYNH,
- (4) HUNG PHUOC NGUYEN,
 - (6) LAN MINH NGUYEN,
- (7) BINH THANH NGUYEN,

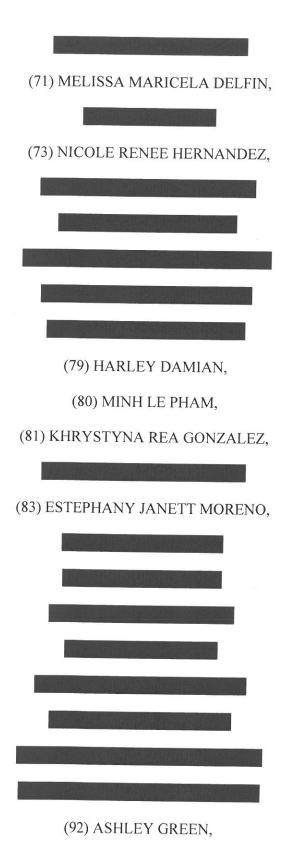
- (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN,
- (11) JANIE GONZALEZ,

- (16) RALPH RANDY PATINO,
- (17) NAM PHUONG HOANG,
- (19) PHUC HOANG NGUYEN,
- (20) SERGIO MARTINEZ, JR.,
- (21) UYEN HA BAO TRAN,



(49) JOE MANUEL CAZARES III, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES II, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES (50) HAI THI HONG PHAM, (55) TRAN HANH UYEN DO, (57) NEIDA NATALIE LUNA, (60) SON TONG LAM, (62) NHAN NGUYEN NGOC DO, (67) THOMAS AGUILAR,

(69) MANUEL DEJESUS ROMERO,





(96) TRANG LE NGUYEN, a/k/a NGUYEN LE THIEN TRANG.

defendants herein, did knowingly conspire, confederate, and agree with each other and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury to commit the following offenses against the United States: to knowingly and willfully, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341, execute a scheme and artifice to defraud United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and obtain fraudulent marriage licenses and immigration benefits based thereon by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises and for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the above described scheme and artifice to defraud, did place in any post office and authorized depository for mail, the items set forth in Counts 50-99 below on or about the dates set forth therein.

3. In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to achieve its objects, the defendants committed the overt acts alleged in Paragraphs 1-31 of the Introduction, and Counts 1-48 and 50-203 of this Indictment.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1349 and 1341.

COUNTS FIFTY THROUGH NINETY-NINE

(Mail Fraud)

On or about the dates set forth below, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the Court, the defendants set forth in the counts below, aiding and abetting each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, with the intent to defraud, devised and willfully participated in, with knowledge of its fraudulent manner, the below-described scheme and artifice to defraud and obtain immigration benefits by materially

false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the below-described scheme and artifice to defraud and obtain immigration benefits, the defendants knowingly placed in a United States Postal Service post office and United States Postal Service authorized depository for mail, to be sent and delivered by the United States Postal Service, the following:

Count	Defendants	Date Deposited in Mail (On or about)	Reason Documents Were Fraudulent	Documents Deposited in Mail
50	(2) KHANH PHOUNG NGUYEN	November 13, 2013	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485,
51	(11) JANIE GONZALEZ	June 21, 2014	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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53	(1) ASHLEY YEN NGUYEN	October 12, 2016	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
54	(16) RALPH RANDY PATINO	May 15, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
55	(17) NAM PHUONG HOANG	August 4, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485

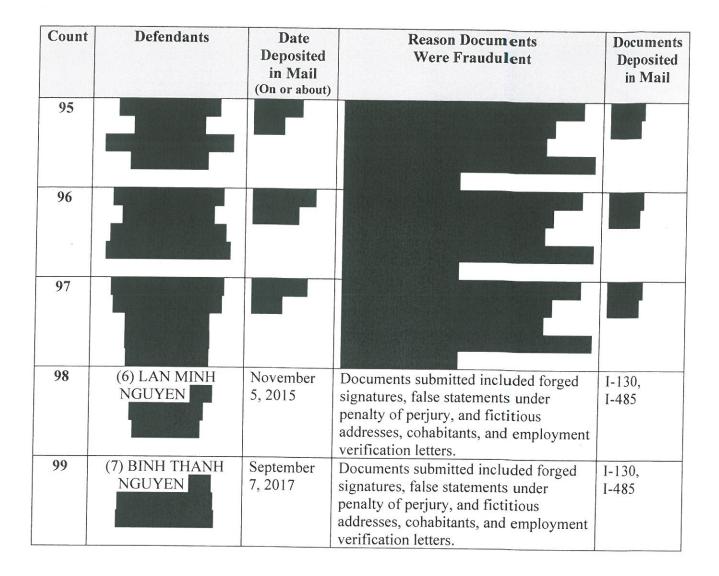
Count	Defendants	Date Deposited in Mail (On or about)	Reason Documents Were Fraudulent	Documents Deposited in Mail
56	(19) PHUC HOANG NGUYEN and (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN	November 27, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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58	(20) SERGIO MARTINEZ, JR.	May 11, 2016	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
59	(21) UYEN HA BAO TRAN, (96) TRANG LE NGUYEN, a/k/a NGUYEN LE THIEN	June 1, 2018	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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61	(83) ESTEPHANY JANETT MORENO		Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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Count	Defendants	Date Deposited in Mail (On or about)	Reason Documents Were Fraudulent	Documents Deposited in Mail
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64	(31) JUAN ALBERTO VIERA	March 8, 2016	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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66	(35) CUONG NGUYEN	May 10, 2016	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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68	(37) HOA VINH TRUONG	July 7, 2016	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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70	(42) CYNTHIA MONJARAS	September 16, 2016	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485

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71	(43) KHANH PHI NGUYEN	October 25, 2016	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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73	(46) LINH MY TRAN and (47) ADAN ALEXANDER MARTINEZ	January 26, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
74	(50) HAI THI HONG PHAM	January 26, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
75	(49) JOE MANUEL CAZARES III, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES II, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES	January 27, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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78	(55) TRAN HANH UYEN DO	2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious	I-130, I-485

Count	Defendants	Date Deposited in Mail (On or about)	Reason Documents Were Fraudulent	Documents Deposited in Mail
			addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	
79	(57) NEIDA NATALIE LUNA	March 7, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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81	(60) SON TONG LAM	March 15, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
82	(62) NHAN NGUYEN NGOC DO	May 15, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
83	(67) THOMAS AGUILAR	June 8, 2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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85	(69) MANUEL DEJESUS ROMERO	2017	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
86	(71) MELISSA MARICELA DELFIN	2017		I-130, I-485

Count	Defendants	Date Deposited in Mail (On or about)	Reason Documents Were Fraudu lent	Documents Deposited in Mail
87	(73) NICOLE RENEE HERNANDEZ	January 16, 2018	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
88	(92) ASHLEY GREEN	April 2, 2018	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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91	(79) HARLEY DAMIAN	August 2, 2018	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
92	(80) MINH LE PHAM and (81) KHRYSTYNA REA GONZALEZ	August 10, 2018	Documents submitted included forged signatures, false statements under penalty of perjury, and fictitious addresses, cohabitants, and employment verification letters.	I-130, I-485
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All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341 and 2.

COUNT ONE HUNDRED

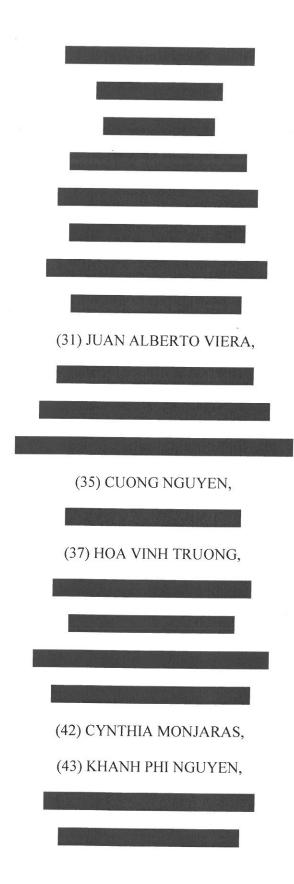
(Conspiracy to Commit Immigration Fraud)

- 1. Paragraphs 1-31 of the Introduction and Counts 1-99, and 101-203 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. From on or about November 18, 2013, and continuing until on or about April 30, 2019, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the Court,

- (1) ASHLEY YEN NGUYEN, a/k/a DUYEN,
 - (2) KHANH PHUONG NGUYEN,
 - (3) TUYEN THAI HUYNH,
 - (4) HUNG PHUOC NGUYEN,
 - (6) LAN MINH NGUYEN,
 - (7) BINH THANH NGUYEN,

- (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN,
- (11) JANIE GONZALEZ,

- (16) RALPH RANDY PATINO,
- (17) NAM PHUONG HOANG,
- (19) PHUC HOANG NGUYEN,
- (20) SERGIO MARTINEZ, JR.,
- (21) UYEN HA BAO TRAN,



(46) LINH MY TRAN,

(47) ADAN ALEXANDER MARTINEZ,

(49) JOE MANUEL CAZARES III, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES II, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES

(50) HAI THI HONG PHAM,

(55) TRAN HANH UYEN DO,

(57) NEIDA NATALIE LUNA,

(60) SON TONG LAM,

(62) NHAN NGUYEN NGOC DO,

(67) THOMAS AGUILAR,

(69) MANUEL DEJESUS ROMERO,
(71) MELISSA MARICELA DELFIN,
(73) NICOLE RENEE HERNANDEZ,
(79) HARLEY DAMIAN,
(80) MINH LE PHAM,
(81) KHRYSTYNA REA GONZALEZ,
(83) ESTEPHANY JANETT MORENO,

(92) ASHLEY GREEN,

defendants herein, did knowingly and willfully conspire, confederate, and agree with one another and with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to commit and attempt to commit the following offenses against the United States contained in Counts 101-151, that is, the defendants knowingly presented and made under oath and subscribed as true false statements with respect to material facts in immigration documents.

3. In furtherance of this conspiracy, and it achieve its objects, the defendants committed the overt acts alleged in Paragraphs 1-31 of the Introduction and Counts 1-99 and 101-203 of this Indictment.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNTS ONE HUNDRED ONE THROUGH ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE

(Immigration Fraud - False and Fraudulent Statements in Immigration Documents)

On or about the date set forth in the counts below, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the Court, the defendants set forth in the counts below, aiding and abetting each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly present and make under oath and subscribe as true under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, a false statement with respect to a material fact in an application, affidavit and document required by the immigration laws and regulations prescribed thereunder, in that:

1. Defendants claimed that they resided with the spouse at the address listed and that the letters and documents verifying such joint residence were truthful and not fictitious;

- 2. Defendants claimed that that they worked at the jobs listed and that the letters verifying such employment were truthful and not fictitious;
- 3. Defendants claimed that the signatures contained on their immigration documentation and supporting application were not forged; and
- 4. Defendants answered "no" to the following questions under oath and penalty of perjury:
 - a. Have you ever submitted fraudulent or counterfeit documentation to any U.S. Government official to obtain or attempt to obtain any immigration benefit, including a visa or entry into the United States;
 - b. Have you ever lied about, concealed, or misrepresented any information on an application or petition to obtain a visa, other documentation required for entry into the United States, admission to the United States, or any other kind of immigration benefit; and
 - c. Have you ever committed a crime of any kind (even if you were not arrested, cited, charged with, or tried for that crime),

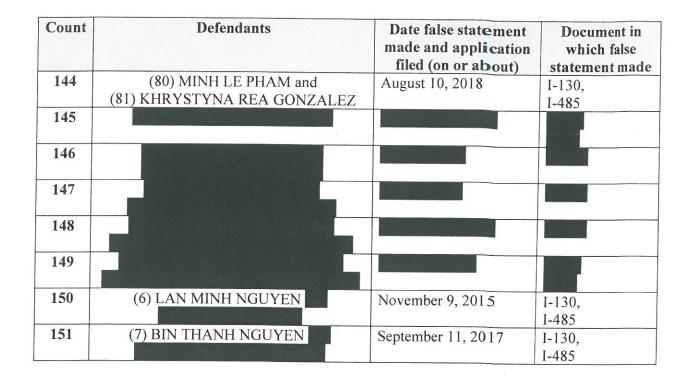
which statements the defendants described below knew were false because:

- 1. Defendants knew they did not reside with the spouse at the address indicated and that documents stating they did were not truthful;
- 2. Defendants knew they did not work at the jobs listed and that letters stating they did were not truthful;
- 3. Defendants knew that the signatures claiming to be theirs and others they knew were not their own and of the individuals they knew; and
- 4. Defendants knew that the documentation submitted was fraudulent and such fraudulent documentation was submitted to obtain an immigration benefit, they had lied and made misrepresentations in the documentation submitted which were submitted for immigration benefits, and they had engaged in marriage fraud.

Count	Defendants	Date false statement made and application filed (on or about)	Document in which false statement made
101	(2) KHANH NGUYEN	November 18, 2013	I-130, I-485
102	(11) JANIE GONZALEZ	June 26, 2014	I-130, I-485
103			

Count	Defendants	Date false statement made and application filed (on or about)	Document in which false statement made
104	(1) ASHLEY YEN NGUYEN, a/k/a DUYEN	October 12, 2016	I-130, I-485
105	(16) RALPH RANDY PATINO	May 22, 2017	I-130, I-485
106	(17) NAM PHUONG HOANG	August 14, 2017	I-130, I-485
107	(19) PHUC HOANG NGUYEN and (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN	November 30, 2017	I-130, I-485
108			
109			
110	(20) SERGIO MARTINEZ, JR.	May 16, 2016	I-130, I-485
111	(21) UYEN HA BAO TRAN,	June 1, 2018	I-130, I-485
112			
113	(83) ESTEPHANY JANETT MORENO	December 14, 2015	I-130, I-485
114			
115	(31) JUAN ALBERTO VIERA	March 11, 2016	I-130, I-485
116			1-403
117			
118	(35) CUONG NGUYEN	1	I-130, I-485
119			
120	(37) HOA VINH TRUONG		I-130, I-485
121			
122	(42) CYNTHIA MONJARAS		I-130, I-485
123	(43) KHANH PHI NGUYEN	October 31, 2016	[-130, [-485]

Count	Defendants	Date false statement made and application filed (on or about)	Document in which false statement made
124			
125	(50) HAI THI HONG PHAM	January 31, 2017	I-130, I-485
126			
127	(49) JOE MANUEL CAZARES III, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES II, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES	January 31, 2017	I-130, I-485
128	(46) LINH MY TRAN and (47) ADAN ALEXANDER MARTINEZ	February 2, 2017	I-130, I-485
129			1 103
130	(55) TRAN HANH UYEN DO	March 6, 2017	I-130, I-485
131			1-465
132	(57) NEIDA NATALIE LUNA	March 13, 2017	I-130,
133	(60) SON TONG LAM	March 20, 2017	I-485 I-130,
134	(62) NHAN NGUYEN NGOC DO	May 19, 2017	I-485 I-130,
135	(67) THOMAS AGUILAR	June 12, 2017	I-485 I-130,
136	(07) THOWAS AGULTAR		I-485
137	(69) MANUEL DEJESUS ROMERO	July 26, 2017	I-130, I-485
138	(71) MELISSA MARICELA DELFIN	August 21, 2017	I-130, I-485
139	(73) NICOLE RENEE HERNANDEZ	January 25, 2018	I-130, I-485
140	(92) ASHLEY GREEN	April 5, 2018	I-130, I-485
141			1-403
142			
143	(79) HARLEY DAMIAN	11.2	I-130, I-485



All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a) and 2.

COUNT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO

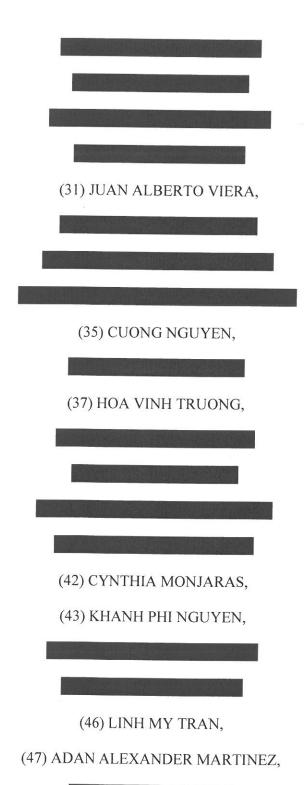
(Conspiracy to Make False Statements Under Oath In Matter Relating To Registry of Aliens)

- 1. Paragraphs 1-31 of the Introduction and Counts 1-151 and 152-203 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. From on or about November 18, 2013 and continuing until on or about April 30, 2019, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the Court,
 - (1) ASHLEY YEN NGUYEN, a/k/a DUYEN,
 - (2) KHANH PHUONG NGUYEN,
 - (3) TUYEN THAI HUYNH,
 - (4) HUNG PHUOC NGUYEN,

- (6) LAN MINH NGUYEN,
- (7) BINH THANH NGUYEN,

- (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN,
- (11) JANIE GONZALEZ,

- (16) RALPH RANDY PATINO,
- (17) NAM PHUONG HOANG,
- (19) PHUC HOANG NGUYEN,
- (20) SERGIO MARTINEZ, JR.,
- (21) UYEN HA BAO TRAN,



(49) JOE MANUEL CAZARES III, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES II, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES,

(73) NICOLE RENEE HERNANDEZ, (79) HARLEY DAMIAN, (80) MINH LE PHAM, (81) KHRYSTYNA REA GONZALEZ, (83) ESTEPHANY JANETT MORENO, (92) ASHLEY GREEN,

defendants herein, did knowingly and willfully conspire, confederate, and agree with one another and with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to commit and attempt to commit the following offenses against the United States contained in Counts 153-2O3, that is the defendants knowingly made false statements under oath in matters relating to the registry of aliens.

3. In furtherance of this conspiracy, and to achieve its objects, the defendants committed the overt acts alleged in paragraphs 1-31 of the Introduction and Counts 1-151 and 153-203 of this Indictment.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNTS ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THROUGH TWO HUNDRED THREE

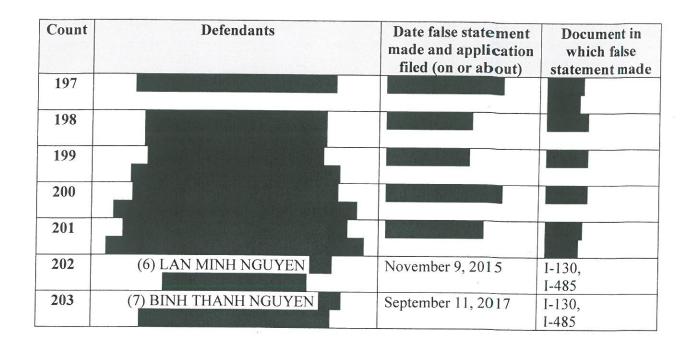
(False Statements Under Oath In Matters Relating To Registry Of Alien)

On or about the dates set forth below, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the Court, the defendants, aiding and abetting each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly make a false statement under oath, namely, those identified in Counts 101-151 in the matters set forth below, which relate to, and are under a law of the United States relating to, the registry of aliens.

Count	Defendants	Date false statement made and application filed (on or about)	Document in which false statement made
153	(2) KHANH NGUYEN	November 18, 2013	I-130, I-485
154			1700
155			
156	(1) ASHLEY YEN NGUYEN, a/k/a DUYEN	October 12, 2016	I-130, I-485
157	(16) RALPH RANDY PATINO	May 22, 2017	I-130, I-485

Count	Defendants	Date false statement made and application filed (on or about)	Document in which false statement made
158	(17) NAM PHUONG HOANG	August 14, 2017	I-130, I-485
159	(19) PHUC HOANG NGUYEN and (10) KRISTINE GUZMAN	November 30, 2017	I-130, I-485
160			
161			
162	(20) SERGIO MARTINEZ, JR.	May 16, 2016	I-130, I-485
163	(21) UYEN HA BAO TRAN,	June 1, 2018	I-130, I-485
164			
165	(83) ESTEPHANY JANETT MORENO	December 14, 2015	I-130, I-485
166			
167	(31) JUAN ALBERTO VIERA	March 11, 2016	I-130, I-485
168			
170	(35) CUONG NGUYEN	June 13, 2016	I-130, I-485
171			
172	(37) HOA VINH TRUONG	1.	I-130, I-485
173			1-465
174	(42) CYNTHIA MONJARAS		I-130, I-485
175	(43) KHANH PHI NGUYEN	October 31, 2016	I-130, I-485
176			1-703
177	(50) HAI THI HONG PHAM		I-130, I-485

Count	Defendants	Date false statement made and application filed (on or about)	Document in which false statement made
178			
179	(49) JOE MANUEL CAZARES III, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES II, a/k/a JOE MANUEL CAZARES	January 31, 2017	I-130, I-485
180	(46) LINH MY TRAN and (47) ADAN ALEXANDER MARTINEZ	February 2, 2017	I-130, I-485
181			
182	(55) TRAN HANH UYEN DO	March 6, 2017	I-130, I-485
183			
184	(57) NEIDA NATALIE LUNA	March 13, 2017	I-130, I-485
185	(60) SON TONG LAM	March 20, 2017	I-130, I-485
186	(62) NHAN NGUYEN NGOC DO	May 19, 2017	I-130, I-485
187	(67) THOMAS AGUILAR	June 12, 2017	I-130, I-485
188			
189	(69) MANUEL DEJESUS ROMERO	July 26, 2017	I-130, I-485
190	(71) MELISSA MARICELA DELFIN		I-130, I-485
191	(73) NICOLE RENEE HERNANDEZ		I-130, I-485
192	(92) ASHLEY GREEN	April 5, 2018	I-130, I-485
193			100
194			
195	(79) HARLEY DAMIAN		I-130, I-485
196	(80) MINH LE PHAM and (81) KHRYSTYNA REA GONZALEZ	August 10, 2018	I-130, I-485



All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1015(a) and 2.

COUNT TWO HUNDRED FOUR



COUNT TWO HUNDRED FIVE

(Obstructing and Impeding the Due Administration of Justice)

On or about March 26, 2019, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas,

(96) TRANG LE NGUYEN, a/k/a NGUYEN LE THIEN TRANG,

the defendant, did corruptly and by any threatening communication, influence, obstruct and impede and endeavor to influence, obstruct and impede the due administration of justice in a federal grand jury in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, by, after preparing paperwork associated with one or more of the fraudulent marriages identified in this indictment, informing K.M.N.N., an individual who was a party to one of the fraudulent marriages identified in this indictment and whom had provided information on the scheme to federal law enforcement that was the subject of an ongoing grand jury investigation, that K.M.N.N. should, as a result of her providing such information to law enforcement, go into hiding so as to not be found by federal law enforcement, not engage in any air travel that may alert federal law enforcement to her presence, and not provide any further information to law enforcement.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1503(a).

COUNT TWO HUNDRED SIX

(Tampering With a Witness, Victim, or Informant)

On or about March 26, 2019, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas,

(96) TRANG LE NGUYEN, a/k/a NGUYEN LE THIEN TRANG,

the defendant, did hinder, delay, prevent the communication by K.M.N.N. to Department of Homeland Security Special Agent Paul Skinner and United States Citizenship and Immigration

Services Investigator and Immigration Officer Ronald Mauldin, law enforcement officers, of information relating to the commission of federal offenses, namely, violations of 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325(a), and 18 U.S.C. secs. 371, 1015, 1341, 1349, and 1546(a), and did knowingly attempt, corruptly persuade, and engage in misleading conduct toward K.M.N.N., and cause and induce K.M.N.N. to withhold testimony before a federal grand jury, and be absent from and evade legal process to appear as a witness before a federal grand jury with the intent to influence, delay, and prevent the testimony of K.M.N.N. in an official proceeding, namely a federal grand jury investigation, by, after preparing paperwork associated with one or more of the fraudulent marriages identified in this indictment, informing K.M.N.N., an individual who was a party to one of the fraudulent marriages identified in this indictment and whom had provided information on the scheme to federal law enforcement that was the subject of an ongoing grand jury investigation, that K.M.N.N. should, as a result of her providing such information to law enforcement, go into hiding so as to not be found by federal law enforcement, not engage in any air travel that may alert federal law enforcement to her presence, and not provide any further information to law enforcement.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b).

NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE (18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c))

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the United States gives notice to defendants,

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KHANH PHUONG NGUYEN,
TUYEN THAI HUYNH,

HUNG PHUOC NGUYEN,

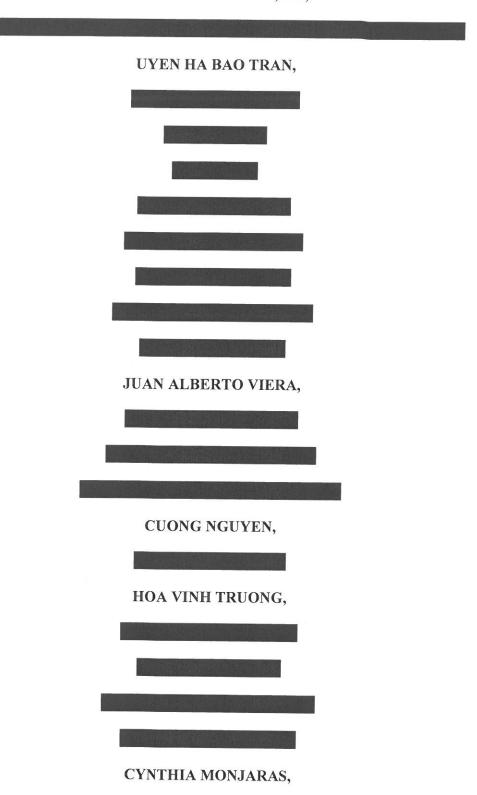
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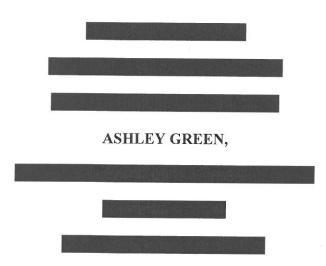
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TRANG LE NGUYEN, a/k/a NGUYEN LE THIEN TRANG,

that in the event of conviction of an offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 or 1349 as charged in Counts Forty-Nine through Ninety-Nine of this Indictment or an offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1503 or 1512 as charged in Counts Two Hundred Five and Two Hundred Six of this Indictment, all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such violation is subject to forfeiture.

NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE (18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(6))

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(6), the United States gives notice to Defendants

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LAN MINH NGUYEN,

BINH THANH NGUYEN,

KRISTINE GUZMAN,

JANIE GONZALEZ,

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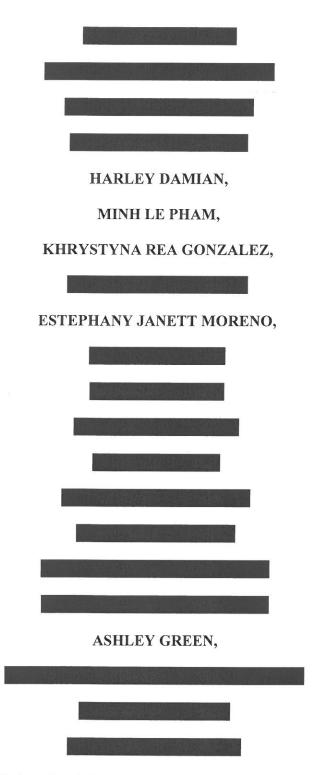
NHAN NGUYEN NGOC DO,

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MELISSA MARICELA DELFIN,

NICOLE RENEE HERNANDEZ,



that in the event of conviction of a violation of, or a conspiracy to commit a violation of, Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546 as charged in Counts One Hundred through One Hundred Fifty-

- (3) The real property, including all improvements and appurtenances, located at 10911 Hazen Street, Houston, Texas 77072 and legally described as:
 - Lot Sixteen (16), in Block Sixteen (16), of IMPERIAL POINT, SECTION SIX (6), a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 148, Page 98 in the Map Records of Harris County, Texas.
- (4) The real property, including all improvements and appurtenances, located at 11571 Willwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77072 and legally described as:
 - A tract of land out of Reserve "G" of Brays Forest, Section 5, an addition in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 234, Page 120 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas said tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds on a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated September 19, 2016 and recorded in the Harris County real property records under number 2016-424647.
- (5) The real property, including all improvements and appurtenances, located at 11403 Carvel Lane, Houston, Texas 77072 and legally described as:
 - Lot Nine (9), in Block Six (6), of BELLAIRE WEST, SECTION SEVEN (7), an addition in Harris County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 149, Page 1 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas.
- (6) The real property, including all improvements and appurtenances, located at 4414 Tufa Ct, Houston, Texas 77072 and legally described as:
 - Lot 74, in Block 3, of Brays Forest, Section 1, a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 147, Page 137, of the map and/or plat records of Harris County, Texas.

Money Judgment

The United States may seek the imposition of a money judgment.

Substitute Assets

In the event that a condition listed in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) exists, the United States will seek to forfeit any other property of the defendants in substitution.

A TRUE BILL:	
RYAN K. PATRICK United States Attorney, Southern District of Texas	FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY
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